

The Superiority of the Perseverance of One's Wife

Prophetic Hadiths:

`Aisha (may Allah be pleased upon her) related that she said to 'Urwa, O nephew! We would see the new moon followed by another new moon: two months without having fire in the Prophet's houses (i.e., cooking). He said, O aunt! What did you feed on? She said, Just dates and water.

[Reported by Al-Bukhari]

'Aisha (may Allah be pleased upon her) also related,

"The Prophet (pbuh) has never eaten bread of barely two successive days and become satiated until he died".

Once Fatima came to the Prophet (pbuh) complaining from the toil she faced when grinding. She knew that the Prophet (pbuh) had got a new slave. The Prophet (pbuh) said, "Would you like something better than you wanted?" When going to bed glorify Allah (i.e., to say Subhana Allah) thirty three times at the end of every prayer, to praise Allah (i.e. Alhamdu lillah) thirty three times and magnify Allah (i.e. Allahu Akbar) thirty three times.

Asma related,

"When Az-Zubair married me, he had not real property or anything else except a camel, which drew water from the well, and his horse. I used to feed his horse with fodder and drew water and sew the bucket for drawing it, and prepare the dough, but I did not know how to bake bread. So our Ansari neighbors used to bake bread for me, and they were honorable ladies. I used to carry the date stones on my head from Zubair's land to him by Allah's

Messenger and this land was two third *Farsakh* (about two miles) from my house. One day, while I was corning with the date stones on my head, I met Allah's Messenger along with some Ansari people. He called me and then, (directing his camel to kneel down) said, Ikh! Ikh! So as to make me ride behind him (on his camel). I felt shy to travel with the men and remembered Az-Zubair and his sense of *Ghira*, for he had the greatest sense of *Ghira* of all the people. Allah's Messenger (pbuh) noticed that I felt shy, so he proceeded. I came to Az-Zubair and said, I met Allah's Messenger (pbuh) while I was carrying a load of date stones on my, and he had some companions with him. He made his camel kneel down so that I might ride, but I felt shy in his presence and remembered your sense of *Ghira* on that Az-Zubair said, By Allah, your carrying the date-stones (and you being seen by the Prophet (pbuh) in such a state) is more shameful to me than your riding with him. (I continued serving in this way) until Abu Bakr sent me a servant to look after the horse, whereupon I felt as if he had set me free.

[Reported by Al-Bukhari]

Maintaining One's Wife

Prophetic Hadiths:

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said: Of the dinar you spend as a contribution in Allah's path, or to set free a slave, or as a Sadaqah (charity) given to a needy, or to support your family, the one yielding the greatest reward is that which you spent on your family.

[Reported by Al-Bukhari]

What you spend seeking Allah's Face will be